

LAMOINE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009 AT 5:30 P.M.  
AT THE LAMOINE TOWN HALL  
LAMOINE, MAINE

Members Present: Christina Harding, Chair; Rober Pulver, Nancy Sargent, Faith Perkins, Kathleen Rybarz  
Members Late: None  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Val Perkins, Principal; Leah Treadwell, Assistant Principal; Omar P. Norton, Superintendent  
Others: Jon Morren, Stu Marckoon, Cynthia Donaldson, Jo Cooper, Richard Fennelly, Brett Jones

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:33 p.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 2/2/08**

**A motion was made by Faith Perkins, seconded by Nancy Sargent, to accept the Minutes of 2/2/09 as presented.**

**Vote: Yes 5 No 0**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 Minutes)**

None

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Item 7.A. was moved to 7:00 p.m. when Selectpersons arrived.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

A. **Chairperson** – A copy of Mrs. Harding's written report will be made a part of the official minutes.

B. **Administration**

1. **Principal's Report** – A copy of Mr. Perkins's written report will be made a part of the official minutes.
2. **Superintendent's Report** – A copy of Mr. Norton's written report will be made a part of the official minutes. In addition, Mr. Norton

distributed copies of a letter from Senator Susan Collins and a report from MSMA describing elements of the stimulus package..

**C. Standing Committee Reports**

**1. Building Committee**

The Principal reported that labeling of all circuit breakers and panels remains to be done-- these and a few other details on the project will be documented. A final punch list is expected to be accomplished by the end of March or early April.

Bob Pulver reported that moving the end wall to accommodate a stage has proven to be a very expensive task. Now the Committee is considering the revamping of the current stage and using that. The moisture problem will be helped by the air handlers, but that problem is still being dealt with.

Any money left over from the gym project will be transferred to the Scholarship Fund.

- D. Warrant Signatures** – Warrant #9 in the amount of \$84,505.68 was signed by the School Committee. In addition, Construction Warrant #9 in the amount of \$6,918.64 was signed as well.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Update on Consolidation**

This topic was covered under the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Norton also shared additional details associated with the first RSU #24 board meeting scheduled for March 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ellsworth High School Cafeteria.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Meeting with Selectpersons to Discuss Appointment of an Advisory Committee to RSU #24 and Other Related Matters**

A lengthy discussion was held by the School Committee and Selectpersons about the role of an Advisory Committee to RSU #24 and how members would be selected.

If the town approves an ordinance creating this Advisory Committee, Lamoine's representative to the RSU 24 Board, Jonathan Morren, will serve as chair with the principal serving as secretary.

The Superintendent was asked to see if he could find out how others had handled the formation of such advisory committees. In the end, Stu Marckoon and Superintendent Norton volunteered to research the matter and develop an ordinance for consideration by the School Committee and the Selectpersons.

Description of Land to be Conveyed – A map developed by Herrick & Salsbury, Inc. (land surveyors) and a description of the lot to be conveyed for the Lamoine Fire Department was presented to the School Committee. This agreement is understood to include access over school property to the lot conveyed. The map and descriptions will be made a part of the official minutes.

**B. Assignment of High School Students**

This policy statement was reviewed again with additional editing and further discussed. The Chair is now in the process of finalizing the draft for the April meeting.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Board Requests for Information**

- How are special education costs at places outside the RSU handled—i.e., who pays, receives subsidy, etc.?
- How are any and all subsidies paid and to whom? Also, who pays for extra costs incurred when students exercise choice of schools outside the RSU?
- Research any models which exist elsewhere in forming Advisory Committees

**B. Board Comments**

Faith Perkins reported disappointment that Lamoine was not represented at the recent District VI Jazz Festival because of the financial impact of the budget reduction.

Mrs. Perkins also noted the many successes of Lamoine students attending M.D.I. High School.

Principal Perkins reported the formation of a jazz combo at the Lamoine Consolidated School to help fill this void.

C. **Future Agenda Items**

- April: Audit Review/David Bridgham
- Other requests for information as noted in other parts of these minutes.

D. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lamoine Town Hall.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion to adjourn was made** by Bob Pulver, seconded by Nancy Sargent.

**Vote: Yes 5 No 0**

**Time: 8:25 p.m.**

Attest: a true record

Omar P. Norton  
Secretary